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WASHINGTON, June 10, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 5 totaled an estimated 14.3 billion ton-miles, 15.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1982 week included the Memorial Day holiday, while the 1981 week was the tenth week of the coal miners' strike.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 369.2 billion ton-miles, 8.5 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 5 totaled 327,648 cars, 16.5 percent below the 1981 non-holiday week and 14.0 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.2 percent in the East, 20.4 percent in the South and 18.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 34,832 cars, or 52.3 percent due to the 1981 coal strike. Twenty of the 21 groups declined from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 29 totaled 38,261 cars, up an estimated 26.7 percent from the corresponding holiday week of 1981, and 67,373 trailers and/or containers, 25.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 777,544 cars, 8.7 percent higher than last year, and 1,390,516 trailers and/or containers, up 7.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/5/82:

	Loadings in Week ended June 5, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,266	D	3,165	14.1	D	2,904	13.1
Other farm products	4,076	D	494	10.8	D	568	12.2
Metallic ores	20,693	D	14,875	41.8	D	1,834	8.1
Coal	101,491	I	34,832	52.3	D	13,305	11.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,202	D	5,811	41.5	D	1,635	16.6
Nonmetallic minerals	7,388	D	7,465	50.3	D	2,484	25.2
Grain mill products	10,186	D	5,121	33.5	D	1,334	11.6
Food and kindred products	11,828	D	3,937	25.0	D	2,232	15.9
Primary forest products	12,963	D	6,188	32.3	D	1,863	12.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,105	D	3,493	40.6	D	1,792	26.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,937	D	5,340	26.3	D	2,095	12.3
Chemicals and allied products	18,483	D	6,992	27.4	D	4,417	19.3
Petroleum products	3,891	D	1,275	24.7	D	851	17.9
Stone, clay and glass products	8,893	D	5,656	38.9	D	1,157	11.5
Coke	4,828	D	2,205	31.4	I	338	7.5
Metals and products	7,918	D	8,995	53.2	D	2,288	22.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,349	D	6,162	30.0	D	2,689	15.8
Waste and scrap materials	6,647	D	6,254	48.5	D	2,070	23.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,019	D	3,136	30.9	D	2,028	22.4
All other carloads	39,233	D	3,116	7.4	D	6,297	13.8
LCL traffic	252	I	10	4.1	D	48	16.0
Total Cars Loaded	327,648	D	64,838	16.5	D	53,553	14.0

Corresponding week of 1981

392,486

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	8,575,401	9,461,603	D 9.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
22 Weeks cumulative	354.9	386.7	D 8.2
Week ended June 5	14.3	16.9	D 15.4
23 Weeks cumulative	369.2	403.5	D 8.5

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